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1. DURING PRIVATE CONVERSATION AT JULY 4 RECEPTION, CHARGE EMPHASIZED TO FOREIGN MINISTER OBENGA OUR CONCERN THAT QUESTION OF ZIONISM/RACISM NOT SPILL OVER INTO OAU SESSIONS, THEREBY DIVERTING FOCUS FROM APARTHEID AND GENERATING CONTROVERSY WHICH WOULD AFFECT UN SYSTEM, ADDING THAT UNLESS ZIONISM/RACISM LINK CAN BE BROKEN, US WILL BE UNABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN AUGUST CONFERENCE IN GENEVA. CHARGE ALSO MADE SUGGESTED POINTS RE MIDDLE EAST.

2. OBENGA, WHO HAS JUST RETURNED FROM WORLD TRIP AND TRAVEL UP COUNTRY WITH PRESIDENT, WILL BE GOING TO KHARTOUM AND BELGRADE CONFERENCES. HE SEEMED VERY UNCERTAIN ABOUT HOW ZIONISM/RACISM AND MIDDLE EAST QUESTIONS WOULD BE HANDLED AT KHARTOUM, ALTHOUGH HE DID HINT DURING THIS CONVERSATION AND ONE WITH CHARGE EARLIER IN DAY AT MFA, THAT KHARTOUM LIKELY WOULD BE SCENE OF ACRIMONY.
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3. WE WOULD NOTE THAT CONGOLESE HAVE GONE ON RECORD PUBLICLY CONCERNING THEIR OPPOSITION TO ZIONISM, AS WELL AS CONDEMNING SADAT INITIATIVE. HOPEFULLY, PRESENCE WITHIN CONGOLESE DELEGATION AT KHARTOUM OF PRESIDENTIA POLITICAL ADVISOR EKONDY, WHO IS SYMPATHETIC TO ISRAEL AND SADAT INITIATIVE, MANY MOLLIFY CONGOLESE

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